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SUBJECT: AIFLD/CHILE RESUMES NORMAL ACTIVITY

ARA/LA/MRSD O'GRADY PASS TO AIFLD AND AFL-CIO

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 6107 (B) STATE 211672

1. AIFLD BEGAN NORMAL IN-COUNTRY SEMINAR RESCHEDULING PROCESS DURING WEEK SEPTEMBER 8 AND HAVEFIVE SEMINARS IN PLANNING STAGES WITH ONE ALREADY APPROVED BY GOC. DELAYS IN PERMISSION TO CONDUCT OTHER FOUR APPEAR TO BE OF NORMAL BUREAUCRATIC NATURE.

2. FYI: COMPLAINT ON AIFLD PREFERENCE FOR "ONE PARTICULAR POLITICAL PARTY" ATTRIBUTED TO LABOR MINISTER (AS REPORTED IN STATE 211672) IS NEITHER NEW NOR BASED ON FACT, IF, AS WE ASSUME, HE MEANS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). AIFLD TRAINING SEMINARS ARE CONDUCTED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO WRITTEN REQUESTS FROM CERTIFIED CHILEAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED BY PARTICIPATING UNIONS. OUR ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 70 PER CENT OF CHILEAN UNION LEADERS ARE MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS OF PDC. AIFLD RECORDS INDICATE THAT LESS THAN HALF OF PARTICIPANTS WHOSE POLITICAL PREFERENCES ARE KNOWN

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ARE OF PDC. POLITICAL ISSUES ARE BANNED AS SUBJECT MATTER IN SEMINARS.

3. INSTRUCTORS AND PROFESSORS WHO CONDUCT CLASSES ARE SELECTED JOINTLY BY AIFLD AND PARTICIPATING UNIONS ON BASIS OF COMPETENCE TO TEACH THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBJECT MATTER. OF THOSE WE CAN IDENTIFY, FEWER THAN 40 PERCENT ARE PDC SUPPORTERS.
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